

CURRY COUNTY FAIR DATES OCTOBER 5th and 6th.

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CURRY COUNTY FAIR TO BE BEST HELD.

The Curry county fair association which is composed of such old time "war horse" fair workers as W. I. Luikart, Walter Cramer, Fred James and others have decided that this is the year to "show off." Accordingly plans are being discussed for holding the greatest county fair ever held here and the big show will be pulled off on October 5, and 6. The Curry county fair will be held out of the funds appropriated by the Board of County Commissioners and from those to be obtained by popular subscription. After the holding of the county fair the best articles exhibited will be selected and taken to the state fair where a special committee will take charge of our exhibit. With the excellent products which Curry county will be able to exhibit this year and with our high grade stock we should be able to carry off one or more of the valuable prizes offered. The prize offered for the best agricultural exhibit is \$1,000. All the business men, farmers and citizens generally should cooperate to make the Curry county fair this year such a success that it will be the talk of the country for weeks after it is over. Last year we had the best ever held here. This year let us go it one better. Curry county has taken the lead with its county fair for the past six or seven years and now other counties are adopting the idea and will have annual fairs. The News got up the first one where the products were exhibited in the streets and it was a success from the very start. The only thing that is now bothering the fair committee is where to locate the grounds and how to accommodate the stock. These details will be worked out in time, but it is certain that the accommodations will be larger and more conveniently arranged than they have been in the past.

The Finishing Touch

This section was visited by one of the heaviest rains of the season Sunday night, which in Clovis registered a precipitation of over two and a quarter inches. Such a rain coming at this time of the year assures a big crop of practically everything planted, barring of course, providential hinderances such as destructive hail storms. It puts the finishing touches, so to speak, to the crops that have sufficiently matured to count on them as being as good as made. Though we boasted a great deal of our wheat that made forty bushels to the acre, it is quite certain that we will also have the opportunity to boast of corn that will make at least forty bushels to the acre. There is an exceptionally large acreage in corn this year and the experienced farmers estimate that the yield will reach as high as forty bushels in many fields. From all reports the rain was general, extending from Tucumcari on the north and to Fort Sumner on the west. Some hail accompanied the storm in spots north-east of here where the damage to a few crops was considerable. Hail is reported in an area of about six sections in one locality. None fell in Clovis.

Would Change Section Lines

If the News is correctly informed, and I hope we are not, the county surveyor is changing the section lines around in the northern part of the county near Grady to suit the wishes of the board of county commissioners who have directed the operations. In some instances wells, orchards and other permanent improvements will be left in the section lines. If these people took their land and fenced it according to the government survey and have the evidence in the form of established corner stones, the county surveyor or no one else has a right to change it. The county surveyor's business is to mark the boundaries of the county and he has no right to change a survey in the county any more than has any other surveyor or anyone else.

School Starts September 6

Get your books ready boys and girls. The summer vacation is about over and school will begin on Monday September 6. The teachers, numbering seventeen in all, who are not already here, will arrive within the next week or two and be ready for a long school term. Work has been stopped on the west side ward school building on account of difficulty with the sale of the bonds. It appears that the bonds were taken by speculators instead of the bonding companies and that a legal question has been raised ostensibly for the purpose of delaying the sale. The attorney general of the state has passed on the legality of the issue and says that it is all O. K.

Tucumcari Wins Ball Game

It was a water logged and water soaked crowd of ball players and fans that gradually drifted back from Tucumcari Monday after losing the game to the tune of 4 to 3. It was a good game from start to finish and the Clovis boys had the game won until the last half of the ninth inning when a few errors gave it to Tucumcari. The pitchers for both sides were quite evenly matched, and had about the same delivery. Leaving Tucumcari Sunday evening the party encountered a heavy rain storm and were forced to return to Tucumcari for the night. Some of the cars got stuck in the mud and the occupants of practically all got wet. They took along no change of apparel and were forced to don wet clothing again Monday morning on the return trip. Many cars were long past due before reaching Clovis. Jim Stalker made the trip in his new Overland, and in addition to getting a good soaking, had considerable tire trouble. The next time the Clovis aggregation plays Tucumcari, they are going to first consult the weather man.

Mrs. A. L. Awalt and Mrs. E. A. Gurley and Misses Elmore and Tate are assisting at the Jacobson sales of the Grisamore stock this week. The sale which was advertised extensively in the Clovis News, is proving a big success.

Leo Frank Lynched

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, and who was taken from the prison farm at Milledgeville last night, was lynched two miles east of here today, by the armed party which took him. He was hanged to a tree.

Frank was brought one hundred miles from the prison farm to a point almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan. No shots were fired.

Frank's body, barefooted and clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was found at 8:30 o'clock this morning. It is believed he was lynched about daylight.

Several automobiles, well loaded, left here in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of the machines to day officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank not more than 150 yards from the roadside.

Austin's Baby Stricken

Rene, the two year old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Austin, was stricken with infantile paralysis Tuesday evening about six o'clock, while playing out in the yard. Mrs. Austin, who was in the house, heard the baby cry and rushed out to find him helpless, the result of a stroke of paralysis covering his right side. The entire right side of his body is paralyzed including his throat and tongue and he is unable to speak. The family is dumbfounded as Rene was an unusually active and bright boy and they are unable to account for his untimely misfortune. At this writing he is some better and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

John Hale Dead

John Hale, a consumption sufferer died Thursday and was buried in the west side cemetery Friday. His only remaining relative, a brother, is here and expects to locate in Clovis.

Ground Breaking Day.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning August 25th, the Christian church plans to have its ground breaking service at its lots near the old church. After brief services, all who wish to do so will have the opportunity to help excavate the basement. Dinner will be served to as many as work. Come, bring your scrapers, picks and shovels, and shovels and help us start a good work.

C. W. Lambert, Minister.

Union Service, Methodist Church

There will be a union educational program at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Four laymen have been asked to speak on the subject "Clovis Schools Preparatory." For College W. E. Carroon For making a living A. L. Dillon For citizenship L. C. Mersfelder For a perfect life

A. W. Hockenhull. Come and help us make this a good service.

Watermelons from the Portales valley and the sandy country to the south are beginning to arrive.

Rifle Club Scores

Weekly scores of the Clovis Rifle Club.

	Possible	50	points
Yards—200	300	500	
Dr. H. Miller	35	40	36
Dr. J. R. Haney	36	32	34
R. McGill	40	42	34
H. Roesky	37	36	35
W. Chambers	38	32	24
Lt. L. Sanford, U. S. A.	38	36	
G. W. Chalfant	42	34	

Captain F. C. Blumlein has received a letter from the Chief of Ordnance allowing the Clovis Rifle Club 3210 rounds of free ammunition. The first of a series of matches will commence August 22. \$10.00 will be given as prizes by the club. The club will leave armory for local rifle range at 8 a. m. All members are requested to take part. Everyone who thinks he can not hit the bulls eye is requested to bring a shotgun and a funnel.

F. C. Blumlein, Sec.

Call For Bids.

The building committee of the Christian church is now ready for bids on the contract for the new building. This is to be a frame building, pebble-dashed, with concrete basement. Drawings and specifications can be had from me Monday, August 23. Sealed bids will be received until September 3, 8 p. m. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

C. W. Lambert, Minister.

Singing Convention

Union District Singing Convention will meet Sunday, Aug. 22 at Liberty school house, 3 miles east of Clovis. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets and hear a good program. All lovers of music are requested to be present, not to listen while others sing, but to sing while others listen. I am sure if everyone will do that much this one will be the most successful Convention this summer.

Lennie Curry, Co. Sec.

Gas in Silo Deadly

Lubbock, Texas, Aug. 14.—J. B. Posey, his fourteen year old son, Leslie and two Mexicans are dead as the result of inhaling poisonous gas while digging a pit silo on Posen's ranch near here yesterday.

A depth of 22 feet had been reached and a charge of dynamite was fired off to aid in the work of excavation. The elder Posey went down to examine. He smelled gas and climbed to the top. Hardly had he reached the surface when he fell to the bottom dead. The two Mexicans went down for the purpose of bringing him out. They, too, were overcome.

Leslie Posey then went into the pit, tied a rope on his father, climbed up the ladder and fell back into the pit dead. The elder Posey was a well known ranchman and father of Walter Posey, president of the First State Bank of Lubbock.

First Methodist Church

August 22nd The subject of the morning service will be, "Paul Before Agrippa." At 8 p. m. there will be a union service of all the churches at our church. We give a cordial invitation to all to attend these services.

J. H. Messer, Pastor.

MANY DROWN IN GALVESTON STORM.

Joe Roach Ends Life

With Rifle

Joseph W. Roach, a railroad machinist, aged forty-six years, committed suicide at his residence on West Grand Avenue Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock, by shooting himself in the forehead with a Marlin 22 rifle. He was removed to the Santa Fe hospital where death occurred at 6:15 that evening. He had placed the rifle against his forehead and pulled the trigger with the cleaning rod. The bullet entered his head in the center of his forehead and pierced his brain. His wife and nine year old daughter were shopping at the time of the tragedy making preparations to leave the next day. Domestic troubles and the fact that he had lost his job with the railroad company had caused him to brood over his troubles and had unbalanced his mind.

A local grocery firm had the day before garnished his pay check and this is also thought to have been an incentive for him to commit the rash deed.

Besides his wife and two children aged 7 and 9 years he leaves two brothers George and Charley Roach who reside here and a sister Mrs. Ruhlman who now resides in California. A coroner's jury was empaneled Thursday which rendered the verdict that deceased came to his death by means of a self inflicted wound. The body was prepared for burial at Steed's undertaking parlors and the funeral will be held from there Friday at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Roach came here from Atchison, Kansas, and had been in the employ of the company here for several years. His brothers are both prominent in business and lodge circles.

Episcopal Church

Rev. D. A. Sanford, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning service with sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "Christian Education." No night service.

FOR SALE—Automobile in first class condition.—\$150.00. Elder's Tailor Shop, Phone 96.

We are indebted to S. D. Dean for a mess of fine roasting ears raised on his farm near the city.

Fred L. Ohr is assisting at the postoffice during the absence of Mrs. Coleman, who will visit the California fairs.

Miss Carrie Cliff, of Havana, Cuba, a sister of Mrs. Florence Coleman, is visiting her here.

Wanted:—A good live man as resident salesman, commission basis. Personal bond required. Further information address, Grand Union Tea Co., Pueblo, Colo.

Miss Jennie Harris, who has been conducting a kindergarten school here for the past six weeks, will return in a few days to her home in Temple, Texas, where she has charge of a large kindergarten school. Miss Harris came to Clovis for the benefit of the cool nights and delightful climate and says she is surely coming back next summer.

Houston, Texas, August 18.—Five hundred bodies have been washed ashore from points near Galveston as a result of the hurricane which struck this section last Monday is the report of a lineman to the wire chief over the first wire opened into San Antonio this morning.

The government wireless reports the state army camps, Fort Crockett and Texas City have been wiped out entirely and the cities are now under martial law.

FOURTEEN DEAD IN GALVESTON

Reports received here from Galveston says that only fourteen lives have been lost in the city but several persons were drowned in the outskirts. Ample warning of the storms approach gave the people an opportunity to flee to safety.

HOUSTON ALSO SUFFERS.

In Houston the death toll has been small, only two deaths so far reported. Damage to property will reach \$2,000,000.00 and will quite likely be more when things get into condition for a true estimate to be made.

U. S. TROOPS DROWNED

From Virginia Point comes a report that thirty lives were lost at that place. Among those drowned were twelve United States soldiers. The total death toll along the coast will be several hundred.

FIRES IN GALVESTON

It is reported from Galveston that all day Monday terrible fires raged which destroyed three bath houses and about five hundred residences on the bay front.

LATER REPORTS

GALVESTON, Aug. 18.—The death toll from the storm will reach more than one hundred and the property loss at \$30,000,000, half of which was suffered by Galveston. Thirty lives were lost at Virginia Point. Eighteen at Texas City and fourteen in Galveston.

George Birdsall was in from his farm near Havener Saturday and reported a heavy rain fall there the night before and that over three inches had fallen in the past three weeks. He said the farmers of that community were compelled to resort to the use of step ladders to reach the ears on the corn. Since the big rain again Sunday night, guess they will have to splice the ladders.

J. E. Shaw Van returned Saturday from Ohio where he was called on account of the illness of his father, who he reports improved in health. Mr. Shaw Van says that if you want to appreciate New Mexico more fully, you should take a trip east and observe the deplorable conditions that now exist there. He says that the people of this section have just cause to be thankful.

The Portales-Clovis road is progressing nicely and the earth could not be in better shape for grading. The recent rains have enabled the road crew to accomplish more than they had any right to expect. Let the good work go on, as we would like to put this road on exhibition at the County fair October 6th, 7th, and 8th.—Portales News.